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SUBJECT: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

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Memo. - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington

SUBJECT: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
[REDACTED] Informant
Information Concerning

DATE: May 28, 1945

On May 25, 1945,

[REDACTED] appeared in the Washington Field Office at which time she furnished the following information.

[REDACTED] and an honorably discharged soldier of this war residing at [REDACTED], had corresponded with her requesting that she ascertain the status of the America First Committee inasmuch as he had been approached on his discharge from the Army to become a member.

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[REDACTED] according to informant, was [REDACTED] prior to entering the service almost three years ago. [REDACTED] has informed [REDACTED] there is a group within [REDACTED] who are active in the America First Committee and who are attempting to arrange for [REDACTED] membership inasmuch as he is a discharged veteran of this war.

[REDACTED] related this group within [REDACTED] is a group of German extraction which, prior to the war, was active in German and Bund affairs in and around Indianapolis.

[REDACTED] would be glad to discuss this matter with agents of the Bureau if necessary.

The above is being called to the Bureau's attention, as well as to the attention of the Chicago and Indianapolis Offices, inasmuch as it is apparent the America First Committee is soliciting membership from veterans of this war.

CC Chicago
Indianapolis

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WILLIAM A. FULLER M.E.
COCOA FLORIDA

CONSULTING ENGINEER

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DATE 10-26-90 BY SP9BrdCo

Mr. Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I want something to show that I have a clean slate. Just because I was probably the only member of the American First Committee in this vicinity was an outspoken Roosevelt critic was brave enough to stand for my convictions- there has been a continuous stream of opprobrium directed at my wife and me which has not ended since the war. Now my boy is back from Europe and I want a little peace. I am 55 years old. Your department didn't help matter any by sending a couple of youthful operatives in answer probably to an anonymous note to talk with us. Now that has got out. Now we don't know. We certainly didn't say anything about it. We were too ashamed. Some one is peddling it around. The least you can do is to send someone up here and see who it is that is keeping this up. I haven't many more years to live and it is contemptible to make me suffer this now- and for naught.

This individual is only giving his name and address
and no major statement
will be made
Date 65-2011

Yours truly,

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Mr. William L. Peller
Cocoa, Florida

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 22, 1946, I wish to advise that the subject matter mentioned therein is not within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau and, therefore, I will be unable to comply with your request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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BALTIMORE 2, MD.

July 3, 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. - U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you kindly inform me, what, if anything
unfavorable, that your department has learned concerning the
American First Committee?

~~It was my privilege to serve on this committee here previous to the war and knew the organization to be a good sound American organization. I am enclosing a leaflet describing the principles of this organization.~~

My purpose in asking this information of you is
that some friends of mine insist that this was a Communist
organization and I can not persuade them otherwise.

I would appreciate if you would let me have the findings of your department.

Sincerely yours,

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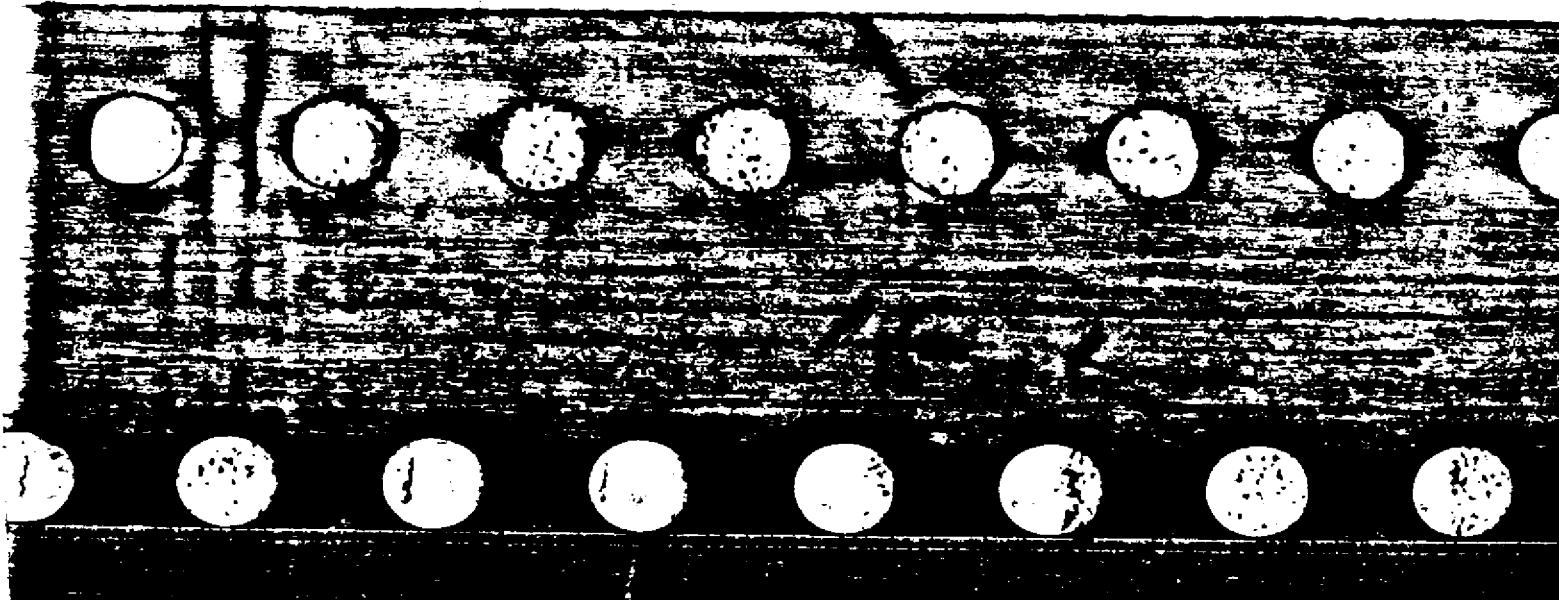
of the American People

Are Against War

National Defense at any Expense
But Keep our Boys at Home

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MESSAGE



We Will Not Participate N.
In Foreign Wars

"We are arming ourselves in purpose of conflict or *intervention* in foreign disputes. I repeat again that on the platform of our party; we participate in foreign wars and we send our Army, Naval or Air Force to fight in foreign lands outside of Americas except in case of attack."

"It is for peace that I have labored and it is for peace that I shall labor in the days of my life."

Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1940

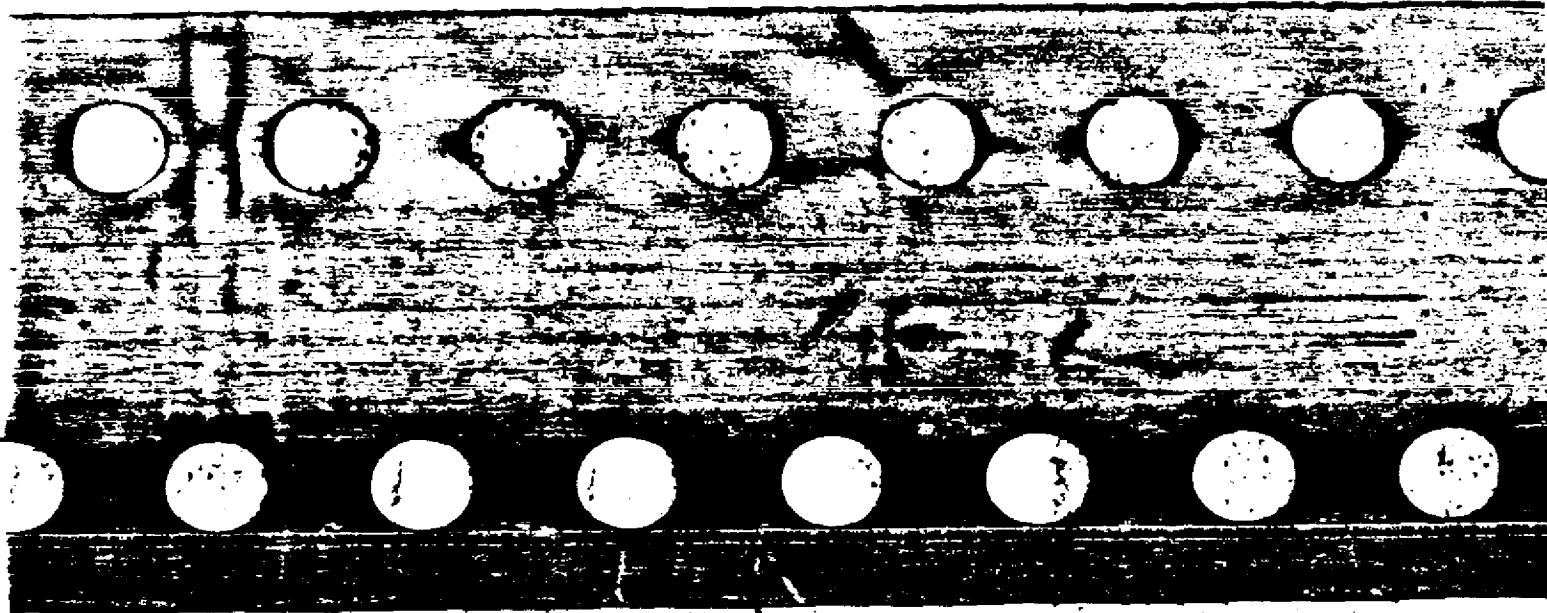
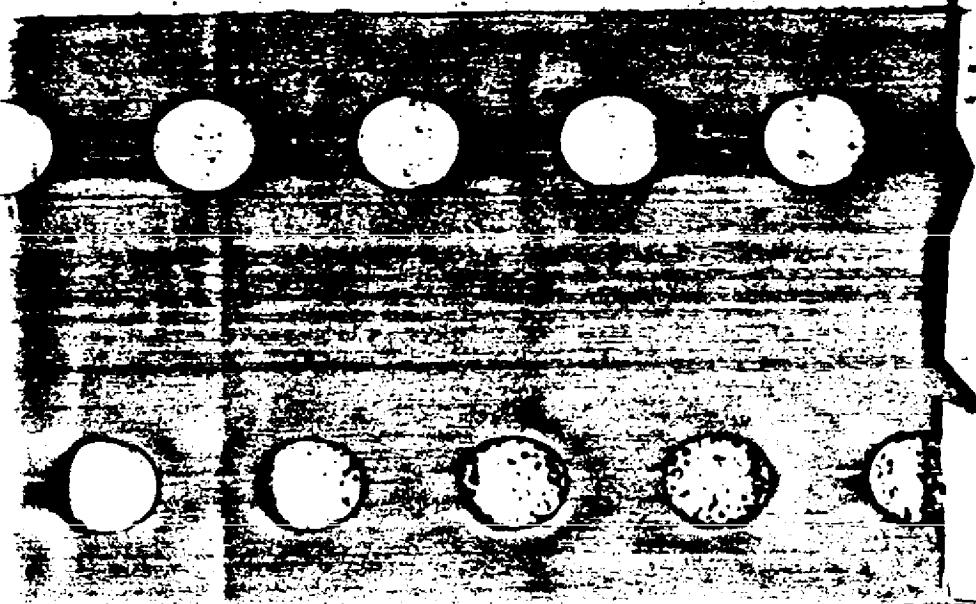
The First Purpose of Our Foreign Policy Is to Keep Out of War

"We look at the old world of Europe today. It is an ugly world, poisoned by hatred, and greed and fear. We can see what has been the inevitable consequence of that poison -- it has been war.

"And we look at this country, built by generations of peaceable, friendly men and women who had in their hearts faith --faith that the good life can be obtained by those who work for it.

"We know that we are determined to defend our country and with our neighbors to defend this hemisphere. We are strong in our defense.

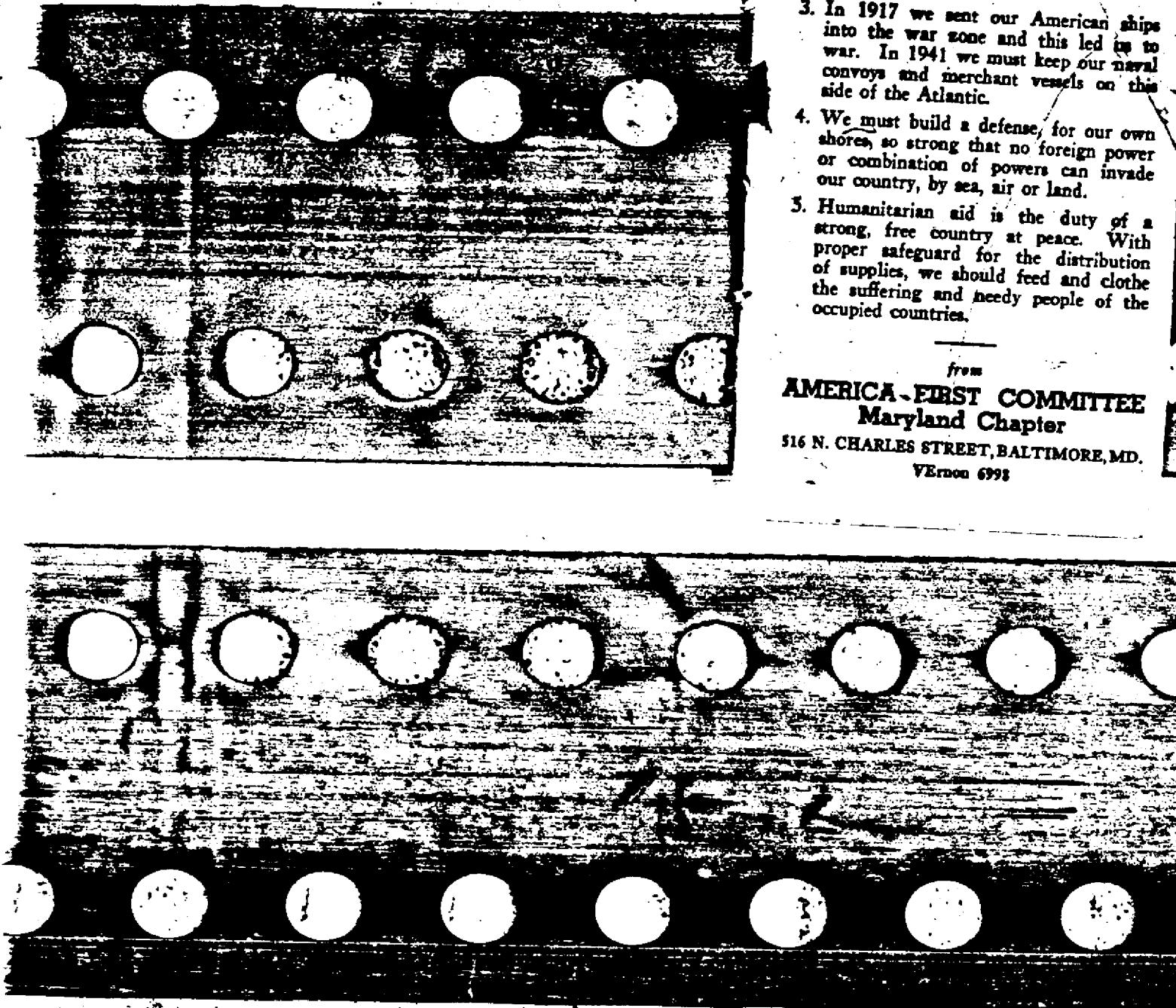
"The first purpose of our foreign policy is to keep our country out of war."



Principles
of
the America First Cr

1. Our first duty is to keep a peace, not a path to war. Our entry to destroy democracy, not have a path to war is a false path to it.
2. Not by acts of war abroad but serving and extending democracy at home can we aid democracy and freedom in other lands.
3. In 1917 we sent our American ships into the war zone and this led us to war. In 1941 we must keep our naval convoys and merchant vessels on this side of the Atlantic.
4. We must build a defense, for our own shores, so strong that no foreign power or combination of powers can invade our country, by sea, air or land.
5. Humanitarian aid is the duty of a strong, free country at peace. With proper safeguard for the distribution of supplies, we should feed and clothe the suffering and needy people of the occupied countries.

from
AMERICA-FIRST COMMITTEE
Maryland Chapter
516 N. CHARLES STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.
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I Am Not Going to Be Sent

Foreign Wars

"While I am talking to you, fathers and mothers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again, and again, your sons are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

"They are going into training to form a force so strong that, by its very existence, it will keep the threat of war far away from our shores. Yes, the purpose of our defense is defense." Boston, Oct. 30, 1940

Ships Flying the American Flag Must Stay Out of the War Zones.

"In 1935 in the face of growing dangers throughout the world, your government undertook to eliminate the hazards which in the past had led to war. We made it clear that ships flying the American flag could not carry munitions to a belligerent; and that they must stay out of war zones."

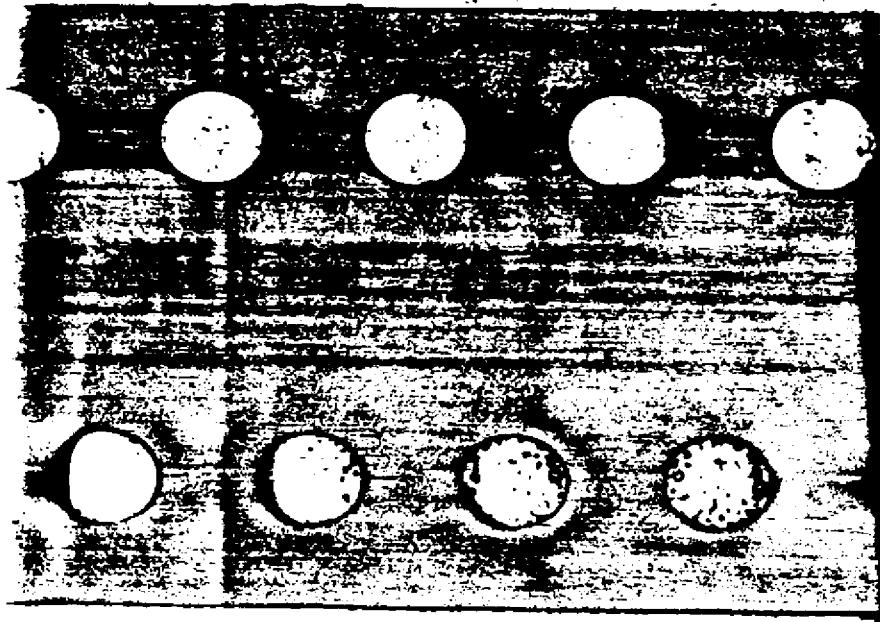
New York City, Oct. 28, 1940

I Am Fighting to Keep Out of Foreign Wars

"I am fighting to keep this nation prosperous and at peace. I am fighting to keep our people out of foreign wars and to keep foreign conceptions of government out of our United States." Brooklyn, Nov. 1, 1940

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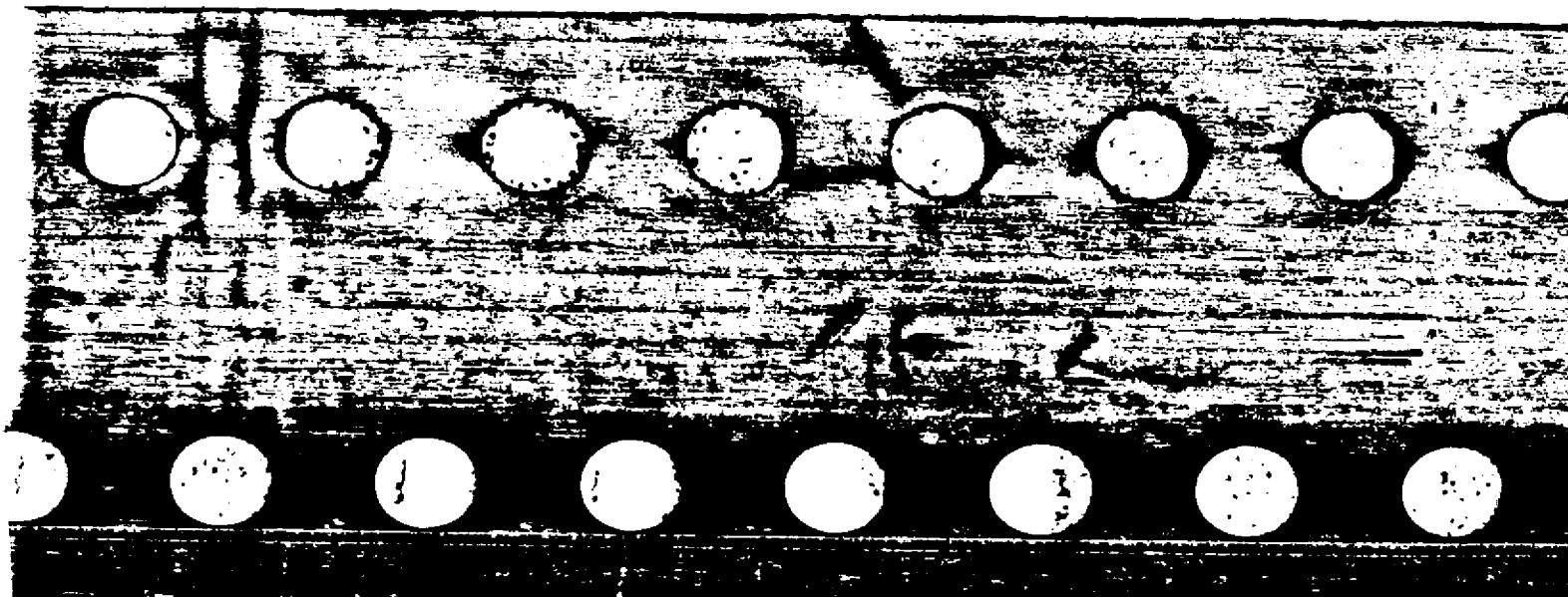
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JOIN WITH US NOW

ENROLL YOUR NEIGHBORS
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Maryland Chapter
516 North Charles St. Baltimore, Md.



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July 19, 1946

Dear [REDACTED]

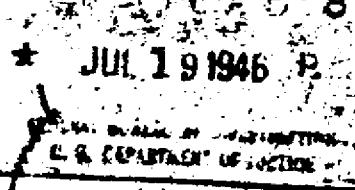
Reference is made to your letter of July 3, 1946.

I regret that I am unable to furnish you information along the lines requested. By virtue of a long-standing policy promulgated by the Attorney General of the United States, the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are held as confidential and information contained therein may not be released for other than official purposes. I am sure you will appreciate the reason and the necessity for such a policy.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

R. T. HARBO *P.W.*

FROM : H. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Unsub; Anonymous Letter Signed "American First Committee"
Sedition
Bureau file 100-4712

DATE: 11-15-46

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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Miss Bern
Miss Gandy

[A.I.C. 10-26-90] [SP1815]

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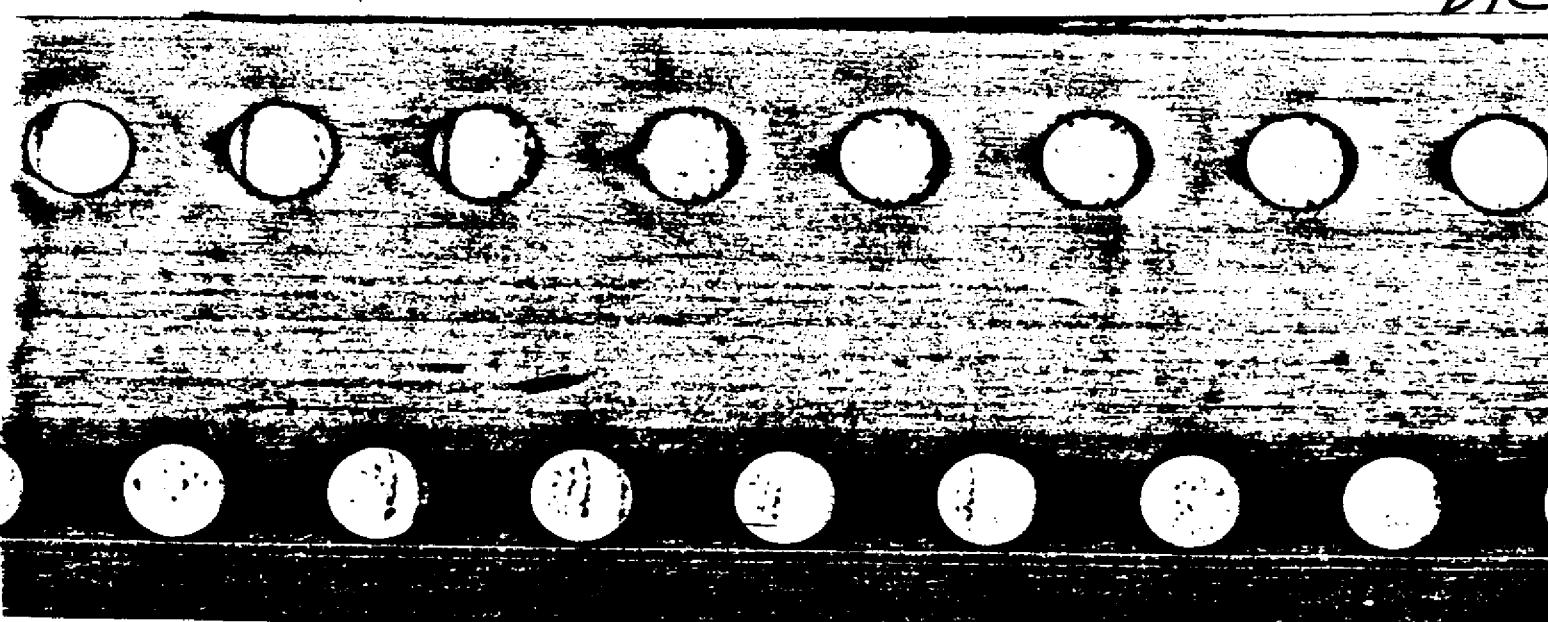
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January 16, 1940

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

America First Committee

Dear Sir,

In a recent discussion with a friend of mine we started talking about the pros & cons of the "American First Committee". We both realized how unenformed we were about the committee's activities & beliefs -

I would very much appreciate your enlightenment concerning the



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February 14, 1948.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
F.B.I., Justice Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am wondering if your office has on its books
the name of [REDACTED] who at present is living with his wife
at [REDACTED]. He claims that
he has no more address but [REDACTED].

He has spoken at the Eola Park Forum several times this winter on subjects that show prejudiced reading and always aims to stir up trouble among Americans. He gets quite bitter against the Jews and the negroes, condemns the Marshall Plan and says the Republic is in its last days. He has all the appearances of a Russian spy altho he condemns the Russians—that probably is policy. He says our government is in improper hands, etc. He is a man rather stocky, with a twichy face in his late fifties. I have talked with him and he tells me that he was with the America First during the war and went about wherever he could find Germans. He claims he is of American parentage and educated in Methodist schools. He seems just now to line up with a tall middle-aged man from Boston who will argue with anyone in the audience and together they challenge speakers, the management, etc. They want fight and challenge everyone except other. I have not yet learned this latter man's name. We also had a [REDACTED] here from Chicago who gave three lectures on capitalism saying that he was of course, for capitalism but that now that communism was in the offing we should try to understand it, etc.

All of this seems suspicious to me. The management is very easy-willing to take anyone for speakers and by professing innocence of communists make the large part of the hearers believe them but I cannot help but feel that they are doing much harm. I do not know whether we have laws that could handle their case since they may be American citizens or not. However, I thought that I should apprise you of the matter. I shall be glad to know if you know anything about these men and if there is anything that can be done about them. 53

Very sincerely, 200-472-500
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 14, 1948, has been received, and I want to thank you for sending the information concerning the individual you mention. Although I would like to be of service, in accordance with a long-standing policy of this Bureau any data in our files is confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn from my inability to be of assistance. The patriotic motives prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

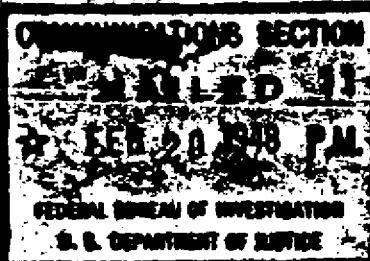
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DATE 4-26-90 BY [Signature]

cc: [REDACTED] with copy of telegram



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 10-26-98 BY SP6TS/CAL

Gentlemen:-

In 1941 or thereabouts, [REDACTED] was in unpleasant circumstances in the City because of his activit in the America First Committee. He came to [REDACTED], a mill town where he was employed [REDACTED] for three years when he was not re-elected because of questionable activities.

[REDACTED] was employed in a store for a year or two during which time I came to the community as [REDACTED]

In March 1947

b7C b7D [REDACTED] as he has kept his residence here.

I would be interested to know whether when the America First Com. was investigated by the FBI and found to be Communist inspired and organized, there was a roster of AFC members from New Haven, Conn. that included the name of the above.

Such information might not be available to me but if there is anything to report, you might be able and willing to inform me as to what official may obtain such information.

I feel that the intent to keep trouble brewing has a purpose in case certain international possibilities develope.

I would appreciate any information you can furnish me.

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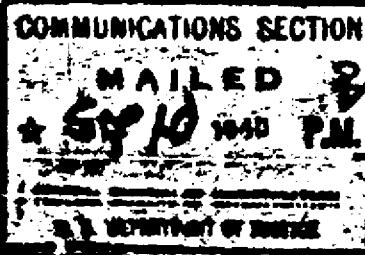
DATE 10-26-90 BY SP9BTS/CL

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 7, 1948 has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER
FROM : D. M. Ladd
SUBJECT: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

DATE: March 26, 1948

On March 23, 1948, Mr. G. L. Millington of the Library of the State Department called and requested the present address of the America First Committee.

After checking, I advised him that this committee had gone out of existence some years ago and there was no indication that it had an office at the present time.

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June 19, 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover: The enclosed was mailed to numerous citizens of the
Palm Beaches and in discussing it with a number of persons, the general
opinion was "we don't like the tone of the letter". About this time
year, every summer, certain cliques, or perhaps it is the same group,
to start some kind of controversy. I did not hear Upton Close on the
radio, nor have I discovered anyone who has, so don't know what his
ideas were; also don't know just what he stands for. However, wouldn't
be influenced by anything like the enclosed, which I think is defin-
"able rousing". Also understand "America First" was considered sub-
several years ago and "broken up". Right? Another thing we did not know
about the piece, it was not signed, and that always makes one wonder,
persons try to hide their identity.

Thought it over and decided the best thing to do was: not answer it
send it to you, for whatever investigation or consideration you may
think best to give it.

Very truly yours

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(enclosure)

UPTON CLOSE told the story (just as it is in the court records) of the false arrests and trial called the Mass Sedition Case of 1942 to 1944.

This case was a persecution of anti-communist, anti-New Deal and ar FEPC Americans by the Jewish detective bureau and agitation group call itself "Anti-Defamation League". The persecution and prosecution was sp by Walter Winchell(Weinschall) and Drew Pearson-both given medals and favors annually by said "League". Winchell used his sponsor's radio to promote not only the indictments and trial...which Judge Bolitha L after four years dismissed with the scathing statement; "A travesty of justice". With the aid of every Red cell and left wing "liberal" in America, Winchell pushed into a sale of millions to his unsuspecting listeners a fraudulent book called "Under Cover", which attacks innocent and guilty persons by the "guilt by association" method. In spite of Winchell's influence and the publisher's wealth, the book was finally "brought to book", decided by Federal Judge John P. Barnes-in the City of Chicago(1946) to be..."written by a person who would write anything for a dollar, published by a publisher who would do anything for a dollar." Said Judge Barnes; "This book charges the plaintiff was disloyal, anti-semitic and a Nazi agent. During the entire course of the I have never heard any evidence to sustain any of these charges".

Said Judge Barnes also: "If any man changes his name, it is human curiosity to know both his names, and that sort of man must bear the burden. If persons are Jews and Communists, they must bear that burden and it will not benefit them or their religion to set up a taboo against mentioning the fact. In our efforts to refrain from persecution we must not establish meaningless taboos. We must not establish the taboo that under no condition must we mention a person is a Jew. That will not stop persecution.

Following which, Judge Barnes cracked down on the Winchell-Carlson book. (Author and publishers admitted it was written by a man born in Armenia and who had been a communist agitator there, and who had used twenty odd aliases, ending up with the "Swedish" one in the book-"John Roy Carlson") You might look in your book stack and see if you have a copy. The Court adjudged- "Five hundred pages of twaddle, with a few outrageously unfounded charges of which any citizen might properly complain".

NOW, 7 YEARS LATER, AS THE SHOE IS ON THE OTHER FOOT AND EDITORS OF GREAT PAPERS AND PUBLISHING HOUSES (as Little, Brown & Co.) ARE CONFESSING THAT THEY WERE COMMUNISTS, AND AS EVERY PINK IS SQUEALING AGAINST "GUILT BY ASSOCIATION"...NOW, UNDER THE GUISE OF "PROTECTING JEWS" THE REPRESENTATIVES OF A PRIVATE GESTAPO DARE GO SECRETLY TO THE OPERATOR OF A RADIO STATION AND THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN OF A BUSINESS MAN'S SERVICE CLUB IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, DEMANDING THE SUPPRESSION OF A NARRATOR WHO ONLY TELLS WHAT WAS DONE WHEN THE "REDS" WERE STILL LEAGUED WITH THE "UNITED FRONT" AND A CORRUPT ADMINISTRATION WHICH PUT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF HELPLESS PEOPLE INTO THE POWER OF STALIN AND GAVE HIM \$1 BILLION OF UNITED STATES WEALTH.

CAN YOU LET THIS HAPPEN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY?

ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO DESTROY THIS REPUBLIC...IS THAT GOOD PEOPLE DON'T

NOTHING! THE FIRST CASUALTY IS THAT OF FREE SPEECH!

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DATE 10-26-90 BY SP8TS/COL

Senator Jack B. Tenny, Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the California Legislature, says in a special report, out in May 1953;

" Officials of the Anti-Defamation League view the disproportionate number of Jews exposed in communist activities with a degree of alarm (but)...to oppose loyalty programs for fear that more Jews may be exposed in the process is extremely unrealistic...The Jews of America will find that a private Gestapo Agency such as that conducted by the small clique of the Anti-Defamation League bureaucracy tends to create the discrimination they seek to curb. The only Ghettos in America, after all, are those that are built by the Jewish bureaucracy itself and the quicker these are outlawed by American Jewry the better for American unity."

(Above paragraph from report by Jack B Tenny, Chairman on Un-American Activities, California State Legislature. Full report from Standard Publications, Los Angeles, California. \$ 1.00

The Reds and Left-Wingers are organized, and work through racist cliques. The manager of the radio station WWPG has related that when the left-wing Martin Agronsky, who speaks with a gutteral, Russian accent, got so "strong" the station dropped him, about six letters came indorsing the dropping; a stack a " foot and a half high" came-demanding his restoration. So-the station manager put him back although he is constantly attacking American employers and belittling business.

That happens because Americans are tolerant even of those who attack Americanism and are asleep to destructive influences. BUT MOSTLY IT HAPPENS
BECAUSE AMERICANS ARE UNORGANIZED AND DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AND
WHAT THEY CAN DO ABOUT IT- WHILE THE REVOLUTIONISTS ARE ORGANIZED AND
GET INSTRUCTIONS JUST WHAT TO DO. THIS SITUATION WE MUST ~~CURE~~!

IT IS NECESSARY TO REVIVE "AMERICA FIRST" (which never died out)

in Palm Beach County.

DEAR CITIZEN OF THE PALM BEACHES:

A radio station in our community has been told to drop a truth-telling nationally known commentator, Upton Close, whom it had invited to relate the history of American Radio comment.

The order has been reinforced under threat of asking Jewish businesses to take their advertising away from this radio station.

From the same general source, on June 3rd, came an intolerant and interfering demand by an attorney named Harry Goodmark made on the Program Chairman of a West Palm Beach Service Club that it remove its luncheon speaker!

SUCH INTOLERANCE, INTERFERENCE AND INTIMIDATION-has become a pattern throughout the United States and Canada. It is carried on by an organized left-wing clique of Jewish professional agitators calling themselves "Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai Brith. (Meaning " Sons of the Covenant"). They collect, by their reports, four to six million dollars a year from Jewish merchants and professional men to "protect" Jews from what they call "anti-semitism" and negroes from "race prejudice"- (as the AGITATORS chooses to define it).

THERE HAS BEEN NO "ANTI-SEMITISM" or discrimination against Jews in this community. BUT-THERE IS AN ATTEMPT BY AN INSIDE JEWISH CLIQUE TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY-WHO MAY OR MAY NOT SPEAK TO THEM.

Not all Jewish business is taking part in this intolerance, interference and SUPPRESSION OF FREE SPEECH. But-JEWISH BUSINESS MEN CAN QUICKLY STOP IT IF DETERMINED. IT HAS BEEN STOPPED COLD IN OTHER COMMUNITIES!

You might like to let the Jewish merchants with whom you trade and your Jewish friends know how you feel about this- and that it is bad business to boot.

ALL IN ONE PLACE
Sub-Committee to Protect Free Speech in Palm Beaches.
By (Respond to) Box 2223-Sta.A. Palm Beach, Florida.

DATE 10-26-90 / SGT/C1 (Over)

June 26, 1953

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DATE 0-26-90 BY SP8TS/csl

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Dear [redacted]

I appreciate the interest which prompted your letter of June 19, 1953, with enclosure, and I want to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

While I would like to be of service, I am unable to comment on this organization inasmuch as data in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. Also, the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and is not authorized to draw conclusions concerning the character and integrity of any organization, individual, or publication.

I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have any information concerning the organization to which refer.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Miami, with copy to incoming.

ATTENTION SAC'S: The enclosure submitted by correspondent was a printed letter from the Sub-Committee to Protect Free Speech in Palm Beaches of the America First Committee. Its address was given as Box 2223, Station A, Palm Beach, Florida. It was addressed to the citizens of the Palm Beaches and denounced the fact that a radio commentator, named Upton C. is being forced to leave his position.

(Note Continued on next page.)

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June 26, 1953

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Note: Bureau files reflect that the America First Committee was a "clearing house for all anti-Semitic individuals and groups." It was also alleged to be made up of Pro-Fascist groups.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : WJ Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: AMERICA FIRST, INC.

DATE: August 17, 1953
WFO:RMR:sm
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There are enclosed for your information a copy of a letter dated July 23, 1953, from [REDACTED] regarding America First, Inc., and a copy of this Division's reply thereto.

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Associate [REDACTED]

July 23rd, 1953

Attorney General's Office
Washington, D. C.

To: AMERICA FIRST, INC.

Dear Sir:

Please inform me whether or not the above-named corporation has been listed as a subversive, Fascist, or Communistic group by the Attorney General's Office or the Civil Service Commission for the United States. Also please send me a list of the recently declared additions on your list that is consolidated to determine the loyalty of government employees. I understand that 26 groups have recently been added to this group.

If you have no information on the above club, I would suggest that you investigate the club's activities in this area so that unsuspecting citizens do not get involved if there is anything wrong with it. My main purpose in asking for this scrutiny of the club is its apparent BUT VERY SECRET activities in this community recently.

I will be glad to show any agent of yours or the FBI office recent communications that I have received from this group.

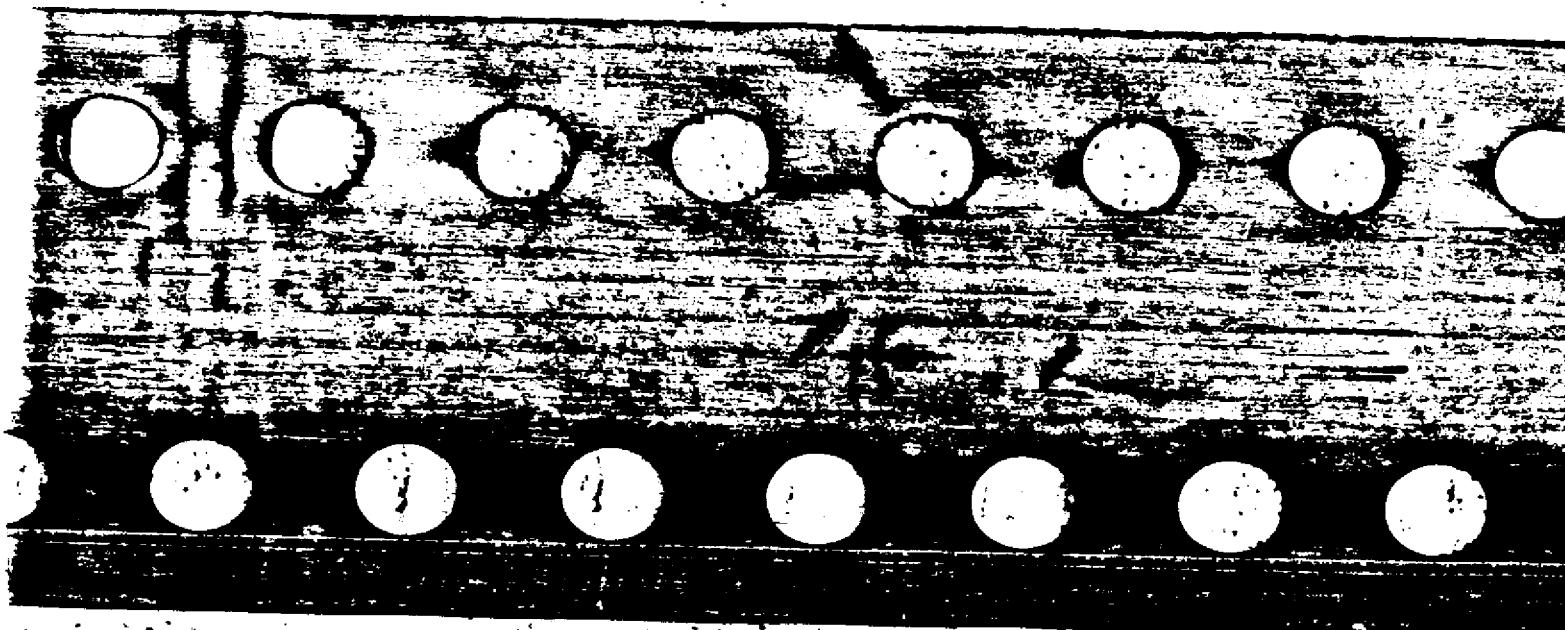
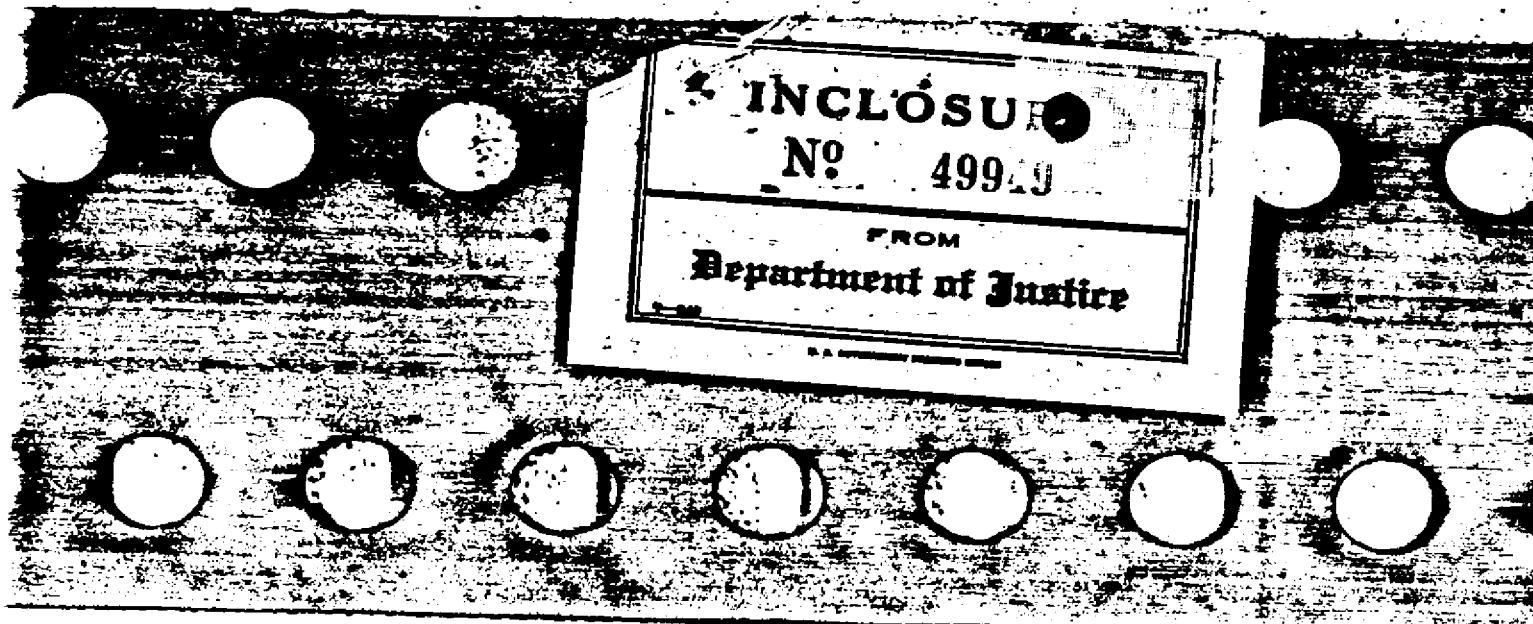
With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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TITLE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE	CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

America First Committee purportedly active, Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, Florida, area during June and July of 1953

Investigation indicates individual participation with others, but no evidence of an actual organization developed.

DETAILS: **SECRET 16 Report** - RUC - **6080/LEAD**
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On July 24, 1953,

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It is to be noted that information concerning the distribution of pamphlets addressed to the "Dear Citizens of the Palm Beaches", and signed by the America First Committee

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was first reported to the Resident Agency Office of West Palm Beach, Florida, by [redacted]

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[redacted], who has allegedly disseminated America First leaflets [redacted] in Palm Beach, Florida.

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Based on the information as set forth above, the following investigation was initiated:

AT PALM BEACH AND WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA:

As previously indicated, on July 12, 1953,
[REDACTED], reported that [REDACTED]

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The Miami Herald, Palm Beach edition, dated July 31, 1953, contained an article captioned "CLOSE Sees Downfall of Republic". This article sets forth that CLOSE appeared as a speaker before the Boynton Beach, Florida, Rotary Club, in which CLOSE spoke, saying that there was little hope for salvaging of the western democracy, claiming a trend towards Socialism and Dictatorship, and the ultimate downfall of the two-party political system in America, and the infiltration of Communism into the United States. CLOSE included in his speech a tirade against Bishop G. BROMLEY OXNAM, and was generally critical of the administration policy with respect to the Korean truce.

[REDACTED], of unknown reliability, advised the following information which relates to this matter

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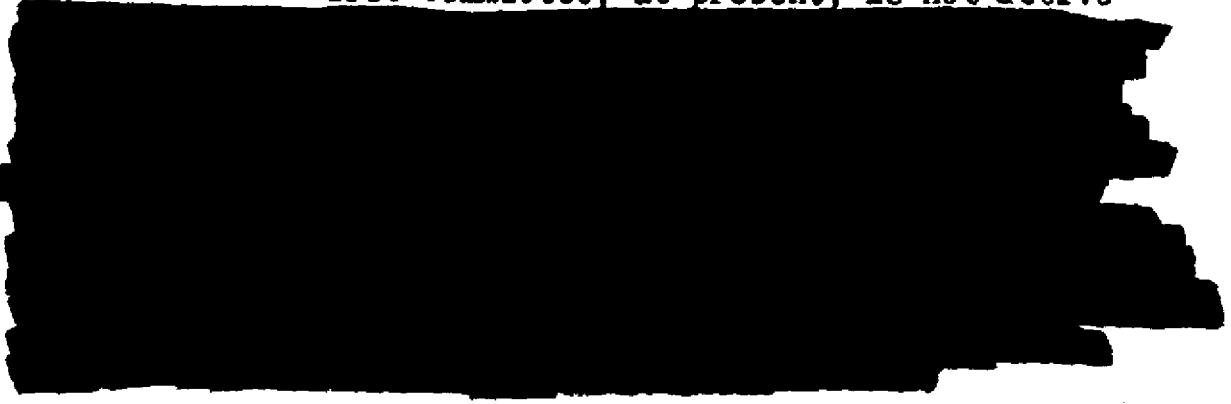
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the America
First Committee here in the Palm Beaches and that J. M. BOEHM
was reportedly the President of this same organization. Ac-
cording to the informant, GEORGE DEATHERAGE is also a leader

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in the America First Movement. However, activity with respect to the America First Committee, at present, is not active



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The Mobile Office, by communication dated October 6, 1953, advised that [REDACTED] Secretary of State Office, Tallahassee, Florida, had made a careful check of the corporation records in her office on October 2, 1953, and advised that there was no record reflecting that the America First Committee, or any organization having a similar name, had been incorporated in the State of Florida.

A summary of information developed during this investigation concerning the following named individuals reported active in the America First movement is as follows:

UPTON CLOSE, 613 South Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth, Florida, commentator, news analyst, editor of the Washington newsletter captioned "Closer Up", reportedly leader of America First Committee in the Palm Beaches. Logical sources of information unproductive.



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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM :

SAC, WFO (100-6882)

SUBJECT:

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
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DATE: November 4, 1953

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Miami, October 29, 1953. b7c

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The above is being furnished for information. FCC.

cc - Chicago (Info.) (RM)
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Bureau files indicate a Dr. Gregory Mason of Riverside, Conn., was one of the leading men in the Stamford, Conn., American First Committee in 1942. Other references indicate a Professor Gregory Mason, NY University, probably the same individual, was active in the America First Committee. The 3/16/44 "New York Post" carried an article in which was stated NY Univ. student publication protested alleged anti-British and anti-Administration remarks by Prof. Gregory, Mason, Journalistic Dept (America First Committee was incorporated under Not-for-Profit Laws of Illinois 9/19/40, its purposes being outlined as to encourage and maintain in USA (1) peace and democratic ideals, (2) a program of adequate defense, (3) a furtherance of peace on this continent, a policy of non-integration in affairs of other continents, (4) to encourage giving help to refugees and needy in other lands insofar as such help does not endanger the peace of the U.S. Its headquarters were in Chi, with approximately 750 local chapters and units. It generally directed its activities toward influencing public opinion in the U.S. in opposition to America's involvement in World War II. It was dissolved shortly after U.S. entered World War II.)

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—MAXWELL GEISMAR, noted critic, author *Writers in Crisis*, *The Last of the Provincials*, etc.

marrying into F.B.I. Best wishes, *Gregory Mason
Riverside, Conn.
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